

Application No.: 10/070,801

Docket No.: 324-142

**ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the current Abstract and enter the following new Abstract.

APR 18 2007

**ABSTRACT**

An operation during a communication established between first and second terminals through an integrated services digital network (ISDN) is validated by establishing, during the communication, a link for access to the ISDN network between the first terminal and a third terminal via a signalling channel. Confidential data between the first and third terminals are transferred via the channel. An acknowledgement message confirming validation of the operation is sent through the third terminal to the second terminal. The communication is particularly applicable to electronic commerce and telepayment through an ISDN network.